

Making Links



When you use this learning muscle, you...

- Look for connections between experiences or ideas.
- Find pleasure in seeing how things fit together, make patterns.
- Connect new ideas to how you already think and feel.
- Look for analogies in your memory that will give you a handle on something complicated.

Ways that we can foster the skill of Making Links:-

- Model noticing connections and links and talk about them explicitly.
- Encourage the children to explain the links they identify.
- Remind children of the links between skills and knowledge.
- Pursue new knowledge enthusiastically in order to follow up connections which children or adults identify.
- Be prepared to try something out to see if it will provide helpful connections.

Seeing connections between different events and experiences – building patterns – weaving a web of understanding.

Some language pointers!

How could it fit?

What does..... tell you about?

Can you see any connections?

Can you see a pattern here?

What do you know already that could help?

What else do you know?

Can you see a link between what we did in and what you do ?

How might knowing help you to do.....?

How many ideas can we think of here?

Can you think of a metaphor for this?

Ask yourself, what is this like that I already know about?

Now that you know has it changed how you think about?